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INDOT begins maintenance work on Indiana 13 bridge over Mississinewa

INDOT announced bridge maintenance work would soon begin on Indiana 13 over the Mississinewa River. Crews will be conducting the bridgework seven miles south of Wabash between Whites Drive and Howell Road. The work is expected to last until mid-August. During construction, Indiana 13 will be reduced to one lane. Traffic should be prepared to stop and obey the temporary traffic signal. There's a width limit of 12 feet in the project zone.

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Local schools approve COVID-19 re-entry plans

Districts each instituting rules for masks, vaccinations, cleaning, more

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

As the new school year begins this month, each school district in the state has been tasked with crafting its re-entry plans.

The issues at play are as diverse as their responses.

Each local school board has had to come up with its policies regarding masks, vaccinations, cleaning, social distancing, quarantines and everything in between.

WCS

On Thursday, July 29, Wabash City Schools (WCS) superintendent Amy Sivley said they were following Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidance and recommendations.

"Per CDC guidelines and recommendations, masks

will be required on buses," said Sivley. "This includes drivers and students. The CDC recommends masks indoors for students and staff, regardless of vaccination status."

Sivley said WCS will continue with masks being optional in the buildings, but "we highly encourage those who are not vaccinated to wear masks indoors to protect themselves."

Sivley said they also are encouraging families to consider vaccinating their students

who are 12 and over.

Sivley said teachers will continue to spread students out when classroom space allows for it.

Sivley said WCS would provide enhanced cleaning and hand sanitizer throughout the buildings.

"Our ultimate goal is to keep our students and staff safe and remain in person," said Sivley. "We will continue to monitor CDC guidance."

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Haylie Miller crowned 31st Wabash County Festivals Queen



Provided photo

From left to right are 2020 Indiana State Festivals Queen Kendall Johnson, Fourth Runner-Up Makenlie Lambert, Third Runner-Up Chloe Miller, Second Runner-Up Allyssa McKillip, 2021 Wabash County Festivals Queen Haylie Miller, First Runner-Up Kenda Mullen, Miss Friendship Anna Pyle and Directors Award Winner Karrigan Yard.

The annual pageant was held Friday at the Honeywell Center's Ford Theater

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Friday evening, royalty was crowned at the Honeywell Center's Ford Theater when Haylie Miller became the 31st Wabash County Festivals Queen, said co-director Bev Vanderpool.

Haylie Miller, 19, of Urbana, is the daughter of Steve and Roberta Miller. Her siblings are Houston Miller, 27, and Heath Miller, 23. She is a 2020 graduate of Manchester High School. She attends Indiana University Purdue University of Indianapolis

(IUPUI), with an anticipated graduation date of 2024.

On Wednesday, July 14, Haylie Miller was also named First Runner-Up at the 2021 Wabash County 4-H Fair Queen Contest.

Crowning Haylie Miller was the 2020 Wabash County Festivals Queen Katie Jones.

Vanderpool said before the crowning of the queen, emcee Rod Schram announced that due to the success of the annual port a pit chicken sale, each girl that didn't make the court would receive a \$25 gift certificate.

Vanderpool said Haylie

Miller was chosen from a field of 13 "very deserving candidates."

"When she was crowned, the shocked expression on her face was priceless," said Vanderpool.

Vanderpool said after the pageant she asked Haylie Miller what was running through her mind right before she was crowned.

"She said, 'I thought to myself, well, I didn't make the court but at least I will get \$25,'" said Vanderpool.

Vanderpool said 2020 Indiana State Festivals Queen Kendall Johnson was also in

attendance.

Vanderpool said the new queen and her court would be helping at the Kunkle Cruise-In on Friday, Aug. 20 and Saturday, Aug. 21.

"They will be judging cars and handing out awards," said Vanderpool.

On Saturday, Sept. 18, the 2021 queen and court, along with 2020 Queen Katie Jones, will appear in the Founder's Day parade. They will also be attending the Founder's Day Festival following the parade at Paradise Spring Park.

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Dems plan town hall to promote American Jobs Plan

Sens. Eddie Melton, J.D. Ford; AFL-CIO's Brett Voorhies to tout infrastructure bill

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

This week, the Wabash County Democratic Party will pair with the Indiana State Democratic Party to promote President Joe Biden's American Jobs Plan and the federal infrastructure bill working its way through Congress.

The town hall has been set

for 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5 at The Firehouse, 108 W. Main St., North Manchester.

The event will feature Sens. Eddie Melton and J.D. Ford, and Indiana State AFL-CIO president Brett Voorhies, said Wabash County Democratic Party chairman Chad Harris.

"We ask that you attend if at all possible," said Harris, on Friday. "A short question and answer session will also take



MELTON



FORD



VOORHIES

place."

On Monday, Harris said they wanted to "inform people of President Biden's accomplishments."

Harris said road and bridge repairs, rural broadband, housing and clean drinking water were just a few of the points of pride in the Ameri-

can Jobs Plan.

"We need people, even in Republican communities, to understand that President Biden is working for all Americans," said Harris.

The Indiana Democratic Party recently completed similar five-week tour of the state which touted the American Rescue Plan, with stops in Peru and Huntington included.

"The Indiana Democratic Party has been holding these events in every county in the state, with lots of media

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Carmack murder trial begins

Jury selection consumes first day of multi-week trial for slain 10-year-old girl

By ANDREW MACIEJEWSKI
Chronicle-Tribune Editor

Jury selection began Monday at the Grant County courthouse for the murder trial of a Gas City woman accused of killing her stepdaughter in 2019.

The proceedings Monday closely mirrored those held in late October of 2020, when witnesses took the stand to testify during a trial that was cut short due to a COVID-19 outbreak. The prosecution had presented three days of its case against Amanda D. Carmack — who is charged with murder, neglect of a dependent resulting in death, strangulation and domestic battery in relation to the death of her 10-year-old stepdaughter, Skylea Carmack — before the trial was canceled on Nov. 1, 2020.

During jury selection Monday, both the prosecution and defense teams questioned the potential jurors about topics familiar with people following the case. The defense focused its line of questioning regarding pre-trial news coverage and any bias jurors may

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Triple murder brings 180-year sentence

By ANDREW MACIEJEWSKI
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The South Bend man found guilty of murdering a local father and his two sons in December of 2018 will spend up to 180 years in prison, according to a sentencing hearing held this week.

Demetrius Jemere Jackson received 60 years in prison for each count of murder, after police say he and Lemere Joseph Jones entered the South Gallatin Street home of Javon Blackwell, 42, armed with a 9mm handgun. Javon Blackwell and his two sons, 11-year-old Jayson and 12-year-old Javon Jr., were shot to death before the suspects reportedly took a phone, watch and miscellaneous guns from the residence, according to police reports.

The jury handed down guilty verdicts on the three charges of murder and an additional Level 3 felony charge of armed robbery, which resulted in an additional 15-year sentence that will run concurrently with the murder sentences.

Following the sentencing, public defender William T.

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RE-ENTRY

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MSD

After the Tuesday, July 13 MSD school board meeting, superintendent Mike Keaffaber said they had approved their district’s re-entry plan.

Which is to say, they had decided to revert to their policies from before the COVID-19 pandemic began.

“MSD will return to pre-pandemic standard operational practices,” said Keaffaber. “Masks will be optional for students and staff when school resumes in August. The district will continue to monitor local, state, and federal guidance to determine if any revisions to this plan are needed.”

MCS

On Thursday, July 29, Manchester Community Schools (MCS) communication director said they had decided on their district’s re-entry plan, but that it would be “fluid throughout the year as conditions, recommendations and mandates change.”

“We will be guided by the recommendations of local, state, and national health organizations to do what is best to keep our students and staff safe,” said Self.

Self said it was the “desire for the school district to move to an ‘optional face covering’ policy for the fall while in buildings and classrooms.”

However, Self said if face coverings are required by CDC, Wabash County Health Department (WCHD) or Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH), “all students and staff will wear facial coverings when social distancing is not feasible and as recommended.”

“Facial coverings will be required when staff and students are on school-provided transportation, including buses,” said Self. “Considerations will be made for students and staff with documented medical issues that make the wearing of a face-covering inadvisable.”

Self said face masks and coverings may be brought from home or will be provided by MCS.

Self said they would encourage parents to provide transportation when possible to reduce the numbers of students on the buses.

Self said for those students who do ride the bus, they would encourage them to use hand sanitizer provided by the student when they enter and exit the bus.

Self said they would also assign seats to students which they would not be able to change en route, place family groups together when possi-

ble, load buses from the back to the front when possible and open windows to provide fresh air whenever possible.

“Drivers will sanitize the bus between routes as well as thoroughly clean and sanitize all buses and vehicles at least once a week,” said Self.

Self said at least 3 feet, or about one arms’ length, of distance will be maintained from other people in the classroom and other areas in the building when practical.

“Gatherings in groups will be limited,” said Self. “Avoid crowded places and mass gatherings. Plexiglass may be used in some instances to create a barrier at tables.”

Self said MCS will provide students and staff with vaccination site information as it comes available.

Self said they would clean and disinfect athletic and band equipment, restrooms and high touch areas – including door handles, light switches, computer keyboards, mouse and library tables – daily and after each use.

“All necessary cleaning supplies will be provided as needed,” said Self. “MCS ensures safe and correct application and use of cleaners and disinfectants.”

Self said students and staff will be given adequate time and multiple opportunities to wash hands with soap and water where available or use hand sanitizer containing at least 60 percent alcohol.

COVID-19 symptoms include runny nose, fever of 100 degrees or greater; shortness of breath or difficulty breathing; fatigue; cough; headache; muscle or body aches; diarrhea, vomiting, nausea or abdominal pain; loss of taste or smell; and sore throat.

Self said MCS would require staff, students and visitors to self-screen before coming to school.

“Students, employees and guests exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 will be sent home,” said Self.

Self said MCS may take the temperature of students, employees and visitors on school property on a random basis or in situations where there is reason to believe that the person may be ill.

“School staff will be trained to observe others for COVID-19 symptoms. Students and employees exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 without being otherwise explained are prohibited from coming to school, and if they do come to school, they will be sent home immediately,” said Self.

Self said drinking fountains will be turned off.

“Students and staff are encouraged to bring water from home in a clear container. Bottled water may be provided if necessary,” said Self.

Self said in the cafeteria they would provide prepackaged salads, with no salad bar unless it was approved by the WCHD.

Self said they would use disposable plates, bowls, cups and silverware, and transition to non-disposable plates, bowls, cups and silverware when safe to do so.

“food service staff will place food items, condiments, milk, cutlery and optional a la carte items on students tray before handing it to the student,” said Self.

Self said cashiers would not be able to accept cash, tables will be disinfected between use and social distancing will follow health department regulations.

Self said food service staff will wear masks and gloves according to health department regulations, require classroom party items should be commercially prepared and prepackaged, encourage all children to utilize hand washing or sanitizing to ensure safe eating practices before eating and provide accommodations to any student who may have specific needs.

“To make arrangements for accommodations please contact the building principal, school nurse or food service director,” said Self.

Self said teachers would provide hand sanitizer upon entering the classroom.

“(For) students of parents concerned about sanitizer use, go to the restroom to wash with soap,” said Self.

Self said teachers would also practice cleaning and sanitizing as often as possible; discourage prolonged congregation in the hallways and lunchrooms; focus on cleaning and personal hygiene and on being as realistic as possible about social distancing guidance and mask-wearing; and have students sit in assigned seats in each classroom.

Self said lockers will be utilized during the coming school year.

“Students may carry their belongings in their backpacks. Students in the lower grades will have a cubby in their homeroom to store a coat or gym shoes,” said Self.

Self said visitations to the building will be restricted to the front office.

“All visitors will be required to adhere to current guidelines,” said Self.

Self said anyone going into the nurse’s area wears a mask to avoid spreading viruses.

“Any students or staff exhibiting symptoms of COVID will be isolated in a separate room within the school building. Students will be escorted to and from this room by office personnel or the nurse,” said Self.

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Court 1 Judge Jeffrey D. Todd said, according to previous Chronicle-Tribune reports. “... Mr. Jones should never again be a free man.”






According to video evidence played at Jones’ bench trial, Jones said he went to the front door of Javon Sr.’s house on the 2600 block of South Gallatin Street on Dec. 30, 2018. After being let in by Javon St., Jones said he pretended to get some water from the kitchen

before unlocking the back door to allow other suspects in, according to the video played in the courtroom.

In the video, Jones claimed another suspect came in and immediately started shooting, according to previous Chronicle-Tribune reports.





“These kids weren’t supposed to be in there ... I didn’t want them to kill those kids, man,” Jones said in the video, claiming that he would have

5-Day Weather Summary

 Wednesday Mostly Sunny 81 / 60	 Thursday Sunny 82 / 64	 Friday Mostly Cloudy 84 / 67	 Saturday Mostly Sunny 86 / 69	 Sunday Partly Cloudy 89 / 73
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Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 8:52 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 6:46 a.m.

 New 8/8	 First 8/15	 Full 8/22	 Last 8/30
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Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 81°, humidity of 49%. North northeast wind 5 to 8 mph. Expect clear skies tonight with an overnight low of 59°. Northeast wind 2 to 8 mph. Thursday, skies will be sunny with a high temperature of 82°, humidity of 52%. Light winds.

QUEEN

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Saturday, Nov. 13, 2020 Queen Katie Jones and 2021 Queen Haylie Miller will compete at the Indiana State Festivals Pageant in Greenfield.

Entertainment was provided by Gary Norman and Jon Vanderpool. Escorts for the evening were Alix Winer and Luke Winer. Tri Kappa Helpers included Beth Miller, Melanie Boyll, Jeff and Deb Culver, Paula Merriman, Karen Walker, Terry Rohall and Cindy Rich.

The pageant directors, who refer to themselves as the “Queen Team,” are Vanderpool, Patty Meagher, Kara Fulmer, Teresa Ridgeway and Makayla Ridgeway.

Serving on the court will be:

First Runner-Up
Kenda Mullen

Kenda Mullen, 21, of Wabash, is the daughter of George Mullen, Jessica Strickler and stepfather Jason Strickler. Her siblings are Kati Harlan, 22, Alli Strickler, 21, and Vander Mullen,

10. She is a 2018 graduate of Wabash High School. She attends Indiana University Kokomo, with an anticipated graduation date of 2022.

Second Runner-Up
Alyssa McKillip

Alyssa Renee McKillip, 19, of Wabash, is the daughter of Troy and Toni McKillip. Her sibling is Brandon, 16. She is a 2020 graduate of Northfield High School. She attends Butler with an anticipated graduation date of 2024.

Third Runner-Up
Chloe Miller

Chloe Madison Miller, 18, of North Manchester, is the daughter of Mark and Angela Miller. Her siblings are Asia Miller, 16, and Ryland Miller, 14. She is a 2021 graduate of Northfield High School. She will be attending Purdue University, with an anticipated graduation date of 2025.

Fourth Runner-Up
Makenlie Lambert

Makenlie Jewel Lambert, 17, of North Manchester, is the daughter of mother Devan Lambert and father

Chad Lambert. Her sibling is Ashlynn Lambert, 13. She attends Southwood High School, with an anticipated graduation date of 2022. She hopes to attend Baylor University, with an anticipated graduation date of 2026.

Miss Friendship
Anna Pyle

Anna Pyle, 20, of North Manchester, is the daughter of Kirk and Jennie Pyle. Her siblings are Sarah, 21, Rebekah, 19, Emma, 17, and Samuel, 16. She attends Taylor University, with an anticipated graduation date of 2024.

Directors Award
Winner Karrigan Yard

Karrigan Margarite Yard, 19, of Roann, is the daughter of Staci Yard. Her siblings are Parker Yard, 22, and Erika Yard, 17. She is a 2020 graduate of Manchester High School. She attends the University of Saint Francis, with an anticipated graduation date of 2024.

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TOWN HALL

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attention and several Democrats, Republicans, and independents in attendance, the meetings are clearly having an impact as far as having facts and information reported,” said Harris.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer sought to speed up consideration of a nearly \$1 trillion bipartisan infrastructure package Monday, promising that Democrats would work with Republicans to put together amendments for consideration this week. GOP senators cautioned that they need time to digest the massive bill.

Formally called the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the proposal clocked in at some 2,700 pages after a hurry-up-and-wait rare weekend session. The final product, unveiled late Sunday, was intended to follow the broad

outline a bipartisan group of senators had negotiated for weeks with the White House. Schumer has said a final vote could be held “in a matter of days.”

A key part of President Joe Biden’s agenda, the bipartisan bill is the first phase of the president’s infrastructure plan. It calls for \$550 billion in new spending over five years above projected federal levels – one of the most substantial expenditures on the nation’s roads, bridges, waterworks, broadband and the electric grid in years.

The Senate’s Republican leader, Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, has sided with those voting to allow debate to proceed, but he has not signaled how he will ultimately vote. He described the bill Monday as a “good and important jumping-off point” for a robust, bipartisan amendment process. He warned Democrats against setting “any artificial timetable.”

Harris said some rural voters are critical of the cost of the bill.

“But with the number of jobs, and the modernization of our infrastructure this bill will provide, the money will eventually come back im the form of tax revenue,” said Harris.

Harris said tangibly communicating with voters could help sway some voters who might be on the fence.

“I feel the Democratic Party can begin to bring back some supporters that once voted Democratic, and now might favor republicans by simply showing up everywhere. President Obama won Indiana, not too many years ago by showing up, and presenting facts,” said Harris. “I think the state is much more purple than many think.”

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MURDER

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Meyers was appointed to represent Jackson in his appeal to an appellate court.

Jones received 195 years in prison, during an April 2020 sentencing hearing, for his role in the murders.

“The bottom line is a serious offender murdered a father and his two sons,” Superior

Court 1 Judge Jeffrey D. Todd said, according to previous Chronicle-Tribune reports. “... Mr. Jones should never again be a free man.”

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before unlocking the back door to allow other suspects in, according to the video played in the courtroom.

In the video, Jones claimed another suspect came in and immediately started shooting, according to previous Chronicle-Tribune reports.

“These kids weren’t supposed to be in there ... I didn’t want them to kill those kids, man,” Jones said in the video, claiming that he would have

tried to put a stop to the plan if he’d known.

Prosecutors asked Judge Todd to impose a maximum sentence, reportedly saying “If there were ever a case that deserved the maximum sentence, it would be this case.”

According to attorneys, investigations indicated one of the victims was shot “execution style.”

“This was a cold, calculated murder,” state attorney Jamie Lee Moore said during Jones’ sentencing hearing. “They died quickly if there’s any

consolation in that.”

According to court records, Kaylie Willis, Javon Jr.’s teacher at Anderson Preparatory Academy wrote a letter to the court in remembrance of her former student.

She said Javon Jr. was “the student every teacher dreams of having,” as he was a respectful, kind and diligent student who’d recently discovered a love for math and science, according to previous Chronicle-Tribune reports.

“He always, always took the high road,” she wrote.

Another suspect, Brittany Drake, charged with a Level 3 felony charge of conspiracy to commit armed robbery, still has an active case regarding her alleged role in the killings. A pretrial conference is set for Oct. 28, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. in Grant County Superior Court 1, with Judge Todd presiding over the case. No jury trial is scheduled at this time.

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IN BRIEF

‘Genesis’ film to be shown at Victory Christian Fellowship

A “fascinating and enthralling look at the Biblical, historical, and scientific evidence for creation and the flood,” titled, “Is Genesis History?” will be shown in two parts, starting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4 and Wednesday, Aug. 11 at 112 W. Main St., North Manchester, according to Victory Christian Fellowship Pastor

Tim Morbitzer. Admission is free. For more information, call 260-982-8357.

Access Youth Center plans ‘Backpack Giveaway Tour’

The Access Youth Center is gearing up for this year’s edition of the annual backpack giveaway, according to assistant director Laura Helm. “The Backpack Giveaway Tour”

will give away 130 bags per site per day from 4 to 5 p.m. on both Wednesday, Aug. 4 at 1721 N. Vernon St. and Thursday, Aug. 5 at Meadowbrook Apartments, 1289 Meadowbrook Lane; and also from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7 at the CASA Back to School Bash at Wabash High School. “Pick up your backpack and snack bags,” said Helm. “Patience and social distancing requested.” Online donations may be made by visiting accessyouthcenter.org.

‘Taste the World in Wabash’ with ethnic cuisines on August First Friday

Eight countries represented; nine food trucks to be in attendance

STAFF REPORT

Wabash First Friday in August will feature samplings of ethnic cuisines from Thailand, Korea, Germany, Mexico, the Middle East, Greece, Norway and the U.S., according to Wabash Marketplace public relations and marketing manager Morgan Ellis. Wabash First Friday in August will last from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6 in downtown Wabash. “The first 100 folks who travel to each country’s station in downtown will receive a stamp in their passport. Passports that are completely stamped can be turned in at the Wabash Marketplace office or Visit

Wabash County for a chance to win a Delicious Downtown Gift Basket featuring a variety of sweet treats and tasty snacks from local businesses in downtown Wabash,” said Ellis. In addition to the ethnic cuisine sampling stations, a variety of food trucks will be parked in the downtown district including Emmett’s Paddy Wagon, Nick’s Weiner Wagon, Tim’s Thai 2 Go, The Saucy Zoodle, Twisted Smoke, Chow Down Food Truck, Payne’s Fish & Chips, Kona Ice and JB’s Cuisine Machine. Taste the World in Wabash sampling locations: **THAILAND:** Wabash Marketplace; Tim’s Thai 2 Go samples **KOREA:** Eclectic Shoppe; Kimchi samples **GERMANY:** Eclectic Shoppe; German bread samples **MEXICO:** Gallery 64; Gua-

camole samples **MIDDLE EAST:** Visit Wabash County; Hummus samples **GREECE:** Borders & Beyond Gallery; Baklava samples **NORWAY:** Hoosier Chiropractic; Lefse samples and Swedish massages **UNITED STATES:** Living Well Downtown; Popcorn and fudge samples Schlemmer’s Fire & Outdoor, Wabash Cross-Fit, Charley Creek Inn Ice Cream & Candy Shoppe and Visit Wabash County are participating in August Shop Hop. Pick up a Shop Hop form from any of these locations, complete the form and turn it in for a chance to win \$100 in Shop Hop Bucks. The storefront is open to the public in the lower level of the Wabash Landing with “Downtown Fun Since 1981” merchandise available for purchase at 189. S. Miami St.

The Wabash County Museum will be open until 8 p.m. with \$1 admission or \$4 per family, with a featured short film, “The Wabash-China Connection with Elizabeth Macinata.” There will also be Museum-on-the-Go Kits and music featuring DJ Kaleidoscope in the caboose parking lot. Living Well Downtown will have a “Put a Pin In It!” map with the prompt, “Where in the world have you been?” The Visit Wabash County Welcome Center will be the August Shop Hop location with a “Cooking in The Bash” giveaway basket. Visit Wabash County Trolley No.85 Route stops will include the Honeywell Center, Hoosier Chiropractic, Veteran’s Plaza, Eagles Theatre, The Depot, the Wabash County Museum and White Rock Recreation. For more information, visit wabashmarketplace.org.

CARMACK

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have against Carmack due to the widespread publicity surrounding the case. Prosecutors questioned jurors about their ability to reach a verdict based on direct and circumstantial evidence presented along with the jury’s willingness to consider imposing a sentence of life without the possibility of parole. Both sides’ questioning resulted in the removal of numerous potential jurors, some of which expressed an inability to reach a verdict of this magnitude or unwillingness to pass judgment on the defendant until evidence is presented. One potential juror said nothing would change his mind about whether he thought Carmack was guilty based on pretrial coverage of the trial, which resulted in his excusal from the proceedings.

“My client’s not going to get a fair shake from you?” defense attorney David Payne asked the man, who then responded by saying, “Very true.” Payne made a point to ask the potential jurors about whether or not they could understand the burden of proof needed to convict someone of first degree murder and how that charge differs from voluntary manslaughter and other lesser charges that could be considered when deciding the case. He said it is important that jurists allow the defense to plead its case regarding the intention or lack of intention that resulted in the death of Skylea. Both sides asked questions about how the jury defines premeditation and their understanding of what “beyond a reasonable doubt” means, which is the prosecutor’s burden to prove throughout the trial.

Grant County prosecutors Evan Hammond and Scott Hunt asked the jury candidates if they would feel confident in coming to a verdict even if “pieces of the puzzle” were missing. They also asked whether it is “reasonable” to believe that aliens abducted a dog if it was found missing from someone’s backyard, trying to gauge potential juror’s understanding of what constitutes as beyond a reasonable doubt. The defense and prosecutors both asked questions about the jury’s ability to avoid bias throughout the judicial process, weeding out people with possible conflicts of interest. Each side is allotted a certain number of strikes to eliminate potential jurors from participating throughout the voir dire, or jury selection, process. While only 10 of the 14 jurors needed to complete the trial were selected Monday before the court called recess,

opening arguments could be presented as early as 1 p.m. Tuesday according to instructions provided to selected jurors. Grant County Circuit Court Judge Mark Spitzer said the trial is expected to take up to a week and a half in total. After opening arguments, the prosecution will call witnesses to the stand, where they will be cross examined by the defense. Once prosecutors have called on all of their witnesses, the defense will have an opportunity to call its own witnesses to the stand. Following all witness testimony, final arguments will be made before the jury deliberates. For breaking coverage of this trial, subscribers can see online versions ahead of print publication at wabashplaindealer.com. *Andrew Maciejewski, Chronicle-Tribune editor, may be reached by email at amaciejewski@chronicle-tribune.com.*

PULSE

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YMCA offers summer meals

The Wabash County YMCA announced their free breakfast and lunch program for children ages 18 and under will be from 8 to 9 a.m. for breakfast and 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for lunch Mondays through Fridays, through Friday, Aug. 6, at 500 S. Cass St. For more information, visit www.wabashcountyyymca.org or email info@wabashcountyyymca.org.

WCPL to hand out free books at CASA’s Back to School Bash

The Wabash Carnegie Public Library (WCPL) will be handing out free books at CASA’s Back to School Bash on Saturday, Aug. 7 at Wabash High School.

Blood donation opportunities scheduled

The following local American Red Cross blood donation opportunities have been scheduled: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7 at the Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester; 3 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 10 at

North Manchester United Methodist Church, 306 E. 2nd St., North Manchester; 2 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11 at Urbana Yoke Parish Community Center, 16 E. Half St., Urbana; and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14 at Brandt’s Harley Davidson, 1400 Cass St. For more information, visit RedCrossBlood.org, rcblood.org/fuel or rcblood.org/CedarFair or call 800-RED-CROSS (800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15; and noon Wednesday, Aug. 11 at the Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester. For more information, visit www.curehunger.org, classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182 or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

Salamonie Preschool offers ‘S is for Snake’ on Aug. 11

Preschool-age children

and their adults are invited to Salamonie Preschool’s “S is for Snake.” Children ages 2 to 5 and their adults are welcome to attend the class from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11 at Salamonie Interpretive Center, 3691 S. New Holland Road, Andrews, located in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area. The program fee is \$2 per child. Advance registration is appreciated. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit dnr.IN.gov/uwis or facebook.com/upperwabash.

Salamonie Lake workdays continue throughout summer

Salamonie Lake’s Upper Wabash Interpretive Services, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, will host volunteer workdays at 9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 16; and 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25. For more information, visit 260-468-2127.

NMCH celebrates ‘Securing the Vote: Women’s Suffrage in Indiana’

The North Manchester Center for History (NMCH) invites visitors to enjoy a new traveling exhibit from the Indiana Historical Society (IHS) marking the 100th

anniversary of the 19th Amendment, which recognized a woman’s right to vote. The exhibit, “Securing the Vote: Women’s Suffrage in Indiana,” will be open to the public from Tuesdays through Saturdays through Saturday, Aug. 21 at 122 E. Main St., North Manchester. For more information, call 260-982-0672 or visit www.northmanchestercenterforhistory.org.

Clark Gallery exhibit presents rich contributions of Latino artists

“Artes Latinas in Wabash,” on display through Sunday, Aug. 22 in the Honeywell Center Clark Gallery, presents the rich and varied contributions of Latino artists. The exhibit presents the artistic creations of six professional artists, including various styles such as illustration, printmaking, painting, muralism and graphic design. Works featured in the exhibit are presented by Colombian, Puerto Rican, Nuyorican and Mexican artists. In addition, the exhibit features the artistic creations of Wabash County students who worked alongside visiting artist Ana Velazquez for We the Many, a project of Arts Midwest. For more information, visit HoneywellArts.org.

Mary Helen Flynn

May 14, 1939 – July 29, 2021



Mary Helen Flynn, 82, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 1:58 pm, Thursday, July 29, 2021, in her daughter’s home in Wabash. She was born on May 14, 1939, in Huntington County, Indiana, to Ralph and Edith Ferne (Guerin) Earhart.

Mary was a 1957 graduate of Lagro High School. She married Donald Flynn in Wabash on Oct. 22, 1969; he died June 13, 2021. She worked at General Tire in Wabash, retiring in 1972 after 12 years and was a homemaker. Mary was a member of the Dora Christian Church. She and her husband Don wintered in Inverness, Florida 15 years. Mary enjoyed music, euchre, karaoke, gathering with friends, family get togethers, and was an avid IU fan. She took great pride in being a wife, mother, and grandmother.

She is survived by two daughters, Alice (Gary Smith) Wells of Huntington, Indiana, and Kimberly (Jack Perkins) Frew of Wabash, seven grandchildren, Ronnie Slone, Shane Wilcox, Britany Merida, Abbi Flynn, Jacob Flynn, Donald Cole, and Nicole Crawford, several great-grandchildren, and five great-great grandchil-

dren. She was also preceded in death by her parents, two sons, Donald Wayne Flynn and Larry Allen Flynn, grandson, Andrew Lee Slone, and six brothers; Bill, Rex, Jim, Larry, and twins Ronald and Donald Earhart.

Funeral services will be 2 pm, Thursday, Aug. 5, 2021, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Pastor Tim Prater officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Visitation will be from 12:30 pm – 2 pm Thursday, at the funeral home.

The memorial guest book for Mary may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Vicki Arlene Turner

Sept. 12, 1951 – July 30, 2021



Vicki Arlene Turner, 69, of rural Wabash, Indiana, died at 3:18 pm, Friday, July 30, 2021, at Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne. She was born on Sept. 12, 1951, in Wabash, to Arlie and Dorothy (Garrison) Shambaugh.

Vicki was a 1969 graduate of Southwood High School. She was a substitute rural mail carrier, and attended the Wabash Friends Church. Vicki was interested in flying and had her private pilots license. She also enjoyed golfing.

She is survived by her brother, Steve (Cherie) Shambaugh of Fort Wayne, Indiana, nieces and nephew, Tracy (David) Gritter of Indianapolis, Indiana, Marci

(Eric Guddus) Miracle of Kawanna, Indiana, David Garrison of Denver, Colorado, and Diane Weaver of Johnstown, Ohio, and several great nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, and her brother, Oliver Garrison.

Funeral services will be 10 am, Thursday, Aug. 5, 2021, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with David Phillips officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 9-10 am Thursday, at the funeral home.

The memorial guest book for Vicki may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Louise E. (Krom) Jacoby Shull

Louise E. (Krom) Jacoby Shull, 98, passed away Aug. 1, 2021. Louise was the oldest child of Milo and Frieda (Knoop) Krom born on Dec. 25, 1922 in North Manchester.

She is survived by her daughters, Kathryn (Barry) Blocher, Carolyn (Jim) Geifer, Nafisa –Sheryl (Shabbir) Morriswalla; son Michael (Karin) Jacoby; ten grandchildren and twenty-two

great-grandchildren. Calling Saturday, Aug. 7, 2021 from 10 -11 a.m. at McKee Mortuary, 1401 S.R 114 West, North Manchester. Funeral services will begin at the conclusion of calling. To protect those with compromised immune systems masks are requested by the family. Arrangements are entrusted to McKee Mortuary.

Patricia Marie Herron

Patricia Marie Herron, 81, Port Charlotte, Florida, passed away August 8, 2020.

The memory of Patricia Marie Herron will be cherished by her son, Daniel J. Herron, Wabash; daughters, Deborah K. Strange, Port Charlotte, Sherri L. (Dennis) Schnepf, Port Charlotte; brother, Charles F. (Karolee) O’Dell, Wabash.

Family and friends may call Saturday, Aug. 7, 2021 from 1 to 2 p.m. at McKee Mortuary, 1401 State Road 114 West, North Manchester, Indiana. A celebration of Patricia’s life will begin at the conclusion of calling. Shirley Neale will officiate. The family of Patricia Marie Herron has entrusted McKee Mortuary with final arrangements.

Orley L. Hawley

Orley L. Hawley, 92, of Silver Lake, IN, passed away at 6:35 A.M., Saturday, July 31, 2021 at the Parkview Medical Center, Ft. Wayne, IN.

Services for Orley L. Hawley will be held at 1:00 P.M., Friday, Aug. 6, 2021 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru with Pastor Mark Davis of-

ficiating. Burial in the Rebyrn Cemetery with Military Honors provided by Miami County Military Rites Unit. Visitation from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M., Friday at the funeral home.

Leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting www.eddyfuneralhomes.com or on Facebook at Eddy Funeral Homes, Inc.

VFW Post No. 286 to hold a fish fry Friday

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post No. 286 is set to hold a fish fry from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6 at 3678 W. Old 24, according to Dan Ford.

The menu will include hand beer-battered fish, French

fries, coleslaw or pasta salad and hush puppies. The cost will be \$10 per person. It will be open to the public. Carryout will be available. For more information, call 260-563-2463.

Wabash County



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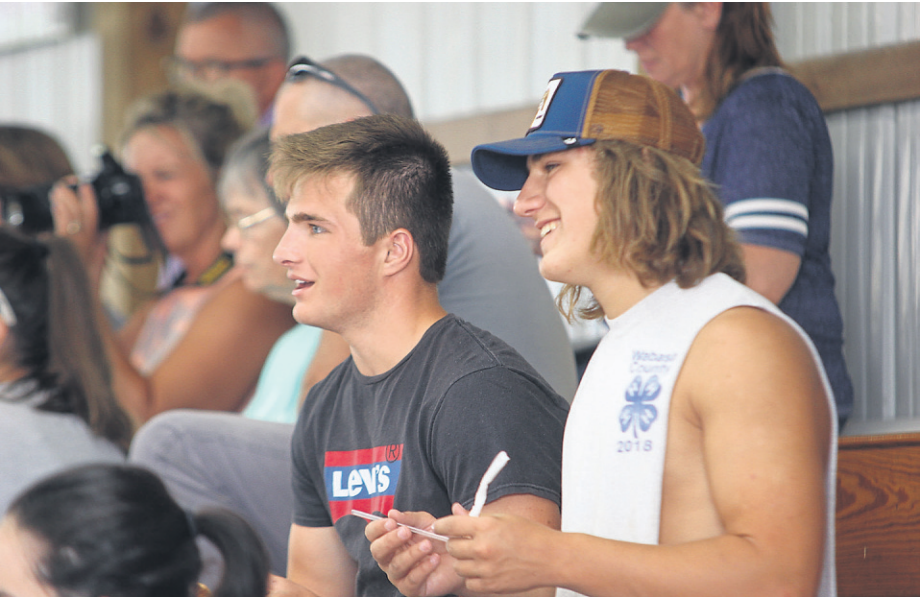
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279	Warnock, Landree	422	Blue	1st	Cl
123	Hudson, Katie	951	Red	2nd	Cl
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141	Krom, Hayden	1773	Blue	1st	Cl
277	Warnock, Emma	2148	Red	2nd	Cl
147	Krom, Mahayla	2191	Red	2nd	Cl
278	Warnock, Jerrick	2284	Blue	1st	Cl
38	Collins, Allie	2535	White	3rd	
40	Collins, Hailey	2540	Pink	4th	
39	Collins, Carrie	2547	Red	2nd	Cl
Beef Cattle / Dairy Feeder Steers / 103001 : Dairy Feeder Steers					
160	Martin, Jaxsen	254	Yellow	5th	
161	Martin, Saige	255	Green	6th	
255	Stephan, Guy	1321	Red	2nd	Cl
37	Clark, Liam	1403	Red	2nd	Cl
78	Gawthrop, Gatsby	1631	Red	2nd	Cl
78	Gawthrop, Gatsby	1632	Pink	4th	
79	Gawthrop, Tallulah	1637	Blue	1st	Cl
79	Gawthrop, Tallulah	1638	Yellow	5th	
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22	Bolinger, Campbell	1923	White	3rd	
22	Bolinger, Campbell	1924	White	3rd	
23	Bolinger, Mackenna	1983	White	3rd	
246	Smith, Sheila	2055	Red	2nd	Cl
Beef Cattle / Heifers / 101011 : Angus					
269	Swain, Madison	639	Blue	1st	
167	Meyer, Mason	797	Red	2nd	Br
167	Meyer, Mason	798	Blue	1st	Br
75	Garber, Emma	2102	Blue	1st	
76	Garber, Jace	2107	White	3rd	
Beef Cattle / Heifers / 101015 : Crossbred heifers					
279	Warnock, Landree	421	Blue	1st	Br
206	Rice, Brayden	1992	Red	2nd	
119	Howard, Chase	2063	White	3rd	
77	Garber, James	2110	Blue	1st	Br
122	Hubbard, Braxton	2228	Red	2nd	
Beef Cattle / Heifers / 101025 : Shorthorn Plus					
251	Snyder, Owen	274	Blue	1st	Br
Beef Cattle / Heifers / 101030: Wabash County Bred and Born					
279	Warnock, Landree	418	Blue	1st	Co
167	Meyer, Mason	799	Red	2nd	Co
121	Howard, Maya	2084	White	3rd	
Beef Cattle / Showmanship / 104011: Senior, Grades 10-12					
119	Howard, Chase	2069		1st	Se
250	Snyder, Jacob	2714		2nd	



ty 4-H Results

Awards	County	Club
Rate of Gain Reserve Grand Champion Beef Feeder	Wabash	LaFontaine Future Farmers 4-H Club
Mass Champion Beef Feeder, Grand Champion Beef Feeder	Wabash	Laketon Cloverleaves 4-H Club
Mass Reserve Champion Beef Feeder,		
Rate of Gain Grand Champion Beef Feeder	Wabash	Squires & Squirettes 4-H Club
Mass Champion Beef Feeder	Wabash	Squires & Squirettes 4-H Club
Mass Champion Beef Feeder, Reserve Grand Champion Beef Feeder	Wabash	Laketon Cloverleaves 4-H Club
Mass Reserve Champion Beef Feeder	Wabash	Tip Top 4-H Club
Mass Reserve Champion Beef Feeder	Wabash	Laketon Cloverleaves 4-H Club
Mass Champion Beef Feeder	Wabash	Tip Top 4-H Club
	Wabash	LaFontaine Future Farmers 4-H Club
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Mass Reserve Champion Beef Feeder	Wabash	LaFontaine Future Farmers 4-H Club
	Wabash	Tip Top 4-H Club
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Mass Reserve Champion Dairy Feeder	Wabash	Laketon Cloverleaves 4-H Club
Mass Reserve Champion Dairy Feeder	Wabash	Chippewa Challengers 4-H Club
Mass Reserve Champion Dairy Feeder	Wabash	Chester Champs 4-H Club
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Mass Champion Dairy Feeder	Wabash	Chester Champs 4-H Club
	Wabash	Chester Champs 4-H Club
Mass Champion Dairy Feeder, Grand Champion Dairy Feeder	Wabash	Laketon Cloverleaves 4-H Club
Mass Champion Dairy Feeder, Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Feeder	Wabash	Laketon Cloverleaves 4-H Club
Mass Champion Dairy Feeder	Wabash	Laketon Cloverleaves 4-H Club
	Wabash	Tip Top 4-H Club
Mass Reserve Champion Dairy Feeder, Rate of Gain Grand Champion Feeder	Wabash	Tip Top 4-H Club
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Mass Champion Dairy Feeder	Wabash	Speedy Clovers 4-H Club
	Wabash	Speedy Clovers 4-H Club
	Wabash	Laketon Cloverleaves 4-H Club
	Wabash	Laketon Cloverleaves 4-H Club
	Wabash	Laketon Cloverleaves 4-H Club
Mass Reserve Champion Dairy Feeder	Wabash	Speedy Clovers 4-H Club
	Wabash	Wabash County 4-H Horse & Pony Club
eed Reserve Champion Heifer	Wabash	Chippewa Challengers 4-H Club
eed Champion Heifer, Reserve Grand Champion Heifer	Wabash	Chippewa Challengers 4-H Club
	Wabash	Laketon Cloverleaves 4-H Club
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	Wabash	Speedy Clovers 4-H Club
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eed Reserve Champion Heifer	Wabash	Laketon Cloverleaves 4-H Club
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eed Champion Heifer	Wabash	Laketon Cloverleaves 4-H Club
ounty Born & Bred Grand Champion	Wabash	Laketon Cloverleaves 4-H Club
ounty Born & Bred Reserve Grand Champion	Wabash	Chippewa Challengers 4-H Club
	Wabash	Wabash Clovers 4-H Club
Senior Showman	Wabash	Wabash Clovers 4-H Club
	Wabash	

More resluts to come..



Wife not interested in raising husband’s love child

DEAR ABBY: My husband of three years informed me that he’d had a brief affair and fathered a baby. We worked through it, and I decided to stay in the marriage. The mother of the child is in a new relationship. I am 10 years older than my husband and have grown kids. I am not interested in raising any more. I have friends, hobbies, outdoor sports and activities that I enjoy in my free time, and I’m not giving them up. (My husband enjoys these activities, too.) He told me he plans to have visitation with the baby in our home every other week. I have no objection. In fact, I see it as a perfect opportunity to go on some out-of-towners with my girlfriends. (We plan to yuk it up and enjoy some spa services.)

Abby, my husband hasn’t a clue what to do. He has never even changed a diaper. I told him he will have to learn quickly or adjust his visitation plans because I am not helping him with his baby. I worked hard while I raised my kids and made all the sacrifices necessary. We have close relationships as adults. We live nearby, and they sometimes accompany me on my adventures.

When they have kids of their own, I plan to be an involved grandparent, but I would never expect my husband to give up his weekends to wipe their noses. (He would refuse, by the way. I know this because he has said so.) His stance on stepparenting is different now because it involves a baby. I’m wondering if I should stay in the marriage. – Took Care Of My Own

DEAR TOOK CARE: That’s a good question. It’s one you might discuss with an attorney to determine what the result will be financially if you exit the marriage. Do nothing in haste. However, once you have done that, if you are unwilling to disrupt your plans and help your husband with a responsibility that should be solely his, tell him you don’t plan to spend weekends babysitting the result of his careless, adulterous affair.

DEAR ABBY: My family will be expecting me to attend the funeral of a relative who, as few of them know, was an abusive monster. I want to support the people I love, especially the abuser’s niece, who is very close to me. However, I don’t want to be a hypocrite. I can’t imagine sitting through the service, listening to speeches about what a “wonderful” man he was and accepting condolences. My absence will undoubtedly generate comments and questions. I have spent many years dealing with the after-effects of his abuse. How should I handle this? – Survivor In Pennsylvania

DEAR SURVIVOR: A funeral service may be a way to honor the deceased, but it is also intended to comfort and support the grieving relatives. A way to manage this would be to sit in the back of the room, quietly get up to “visit the bathroom” for most of the eulogizing and return as they are wheeling the “dearly departed” out so you can support the grieving niece by showing her you were there.

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- 23 Gear tooth
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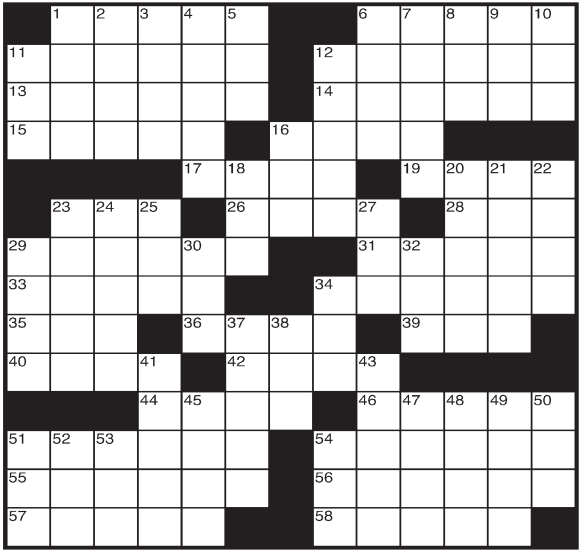
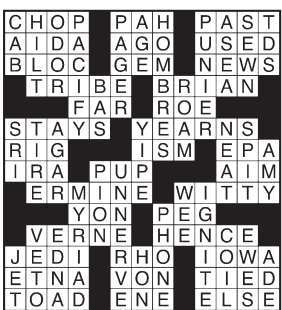
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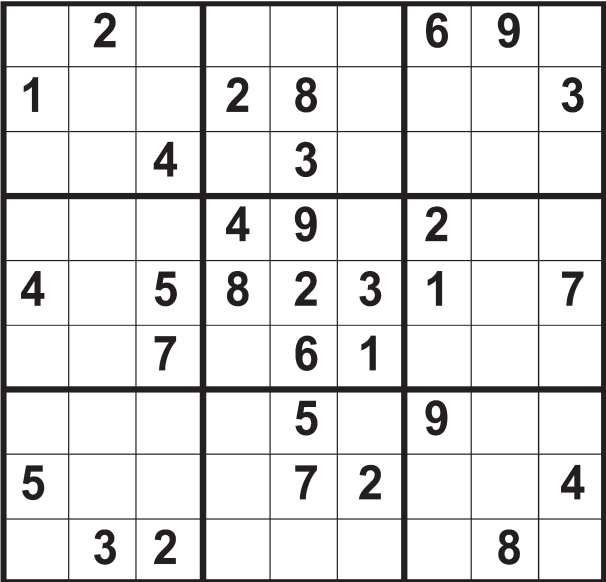
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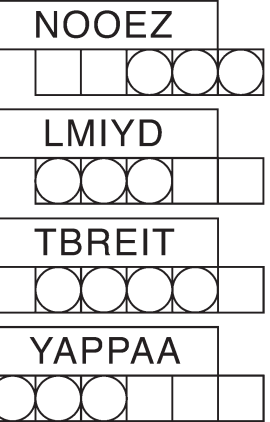
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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION								
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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

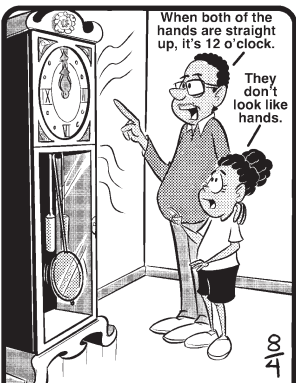


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Saturday's Jumbles: QUOTA DOILY DISMAL ZENITH Answer: When the bottled water company went out of business, everything was — LIQUIDATED

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



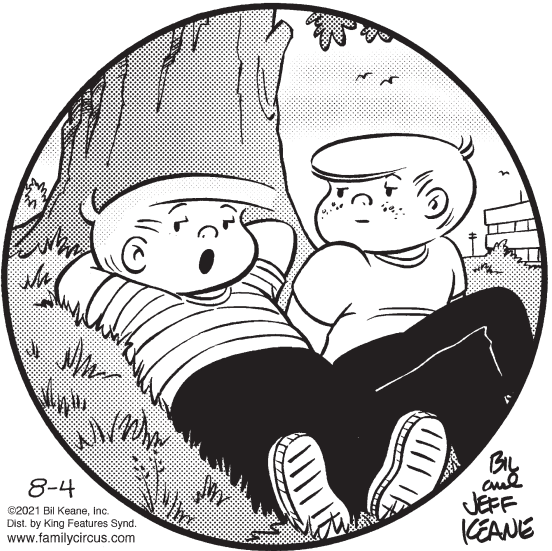
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.



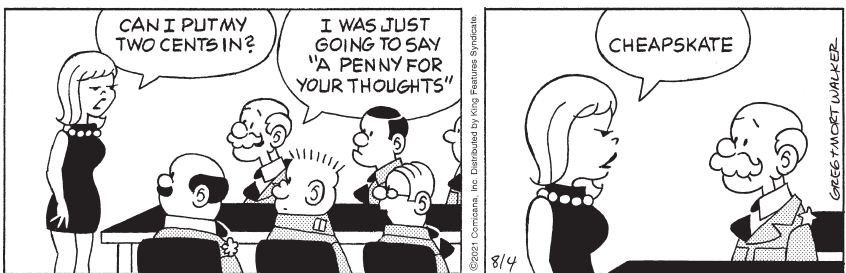
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane

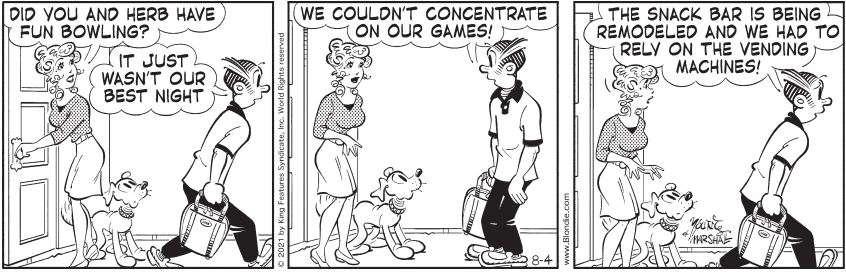


“It must be tough bein’ an only child. You’re outnumbered by parents.”

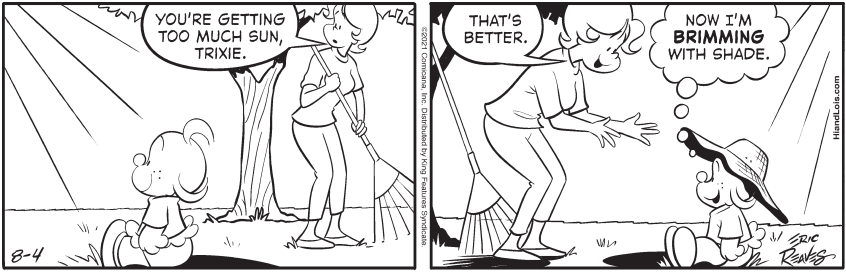
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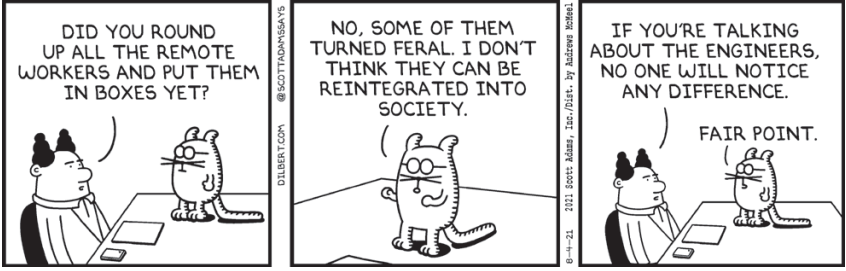
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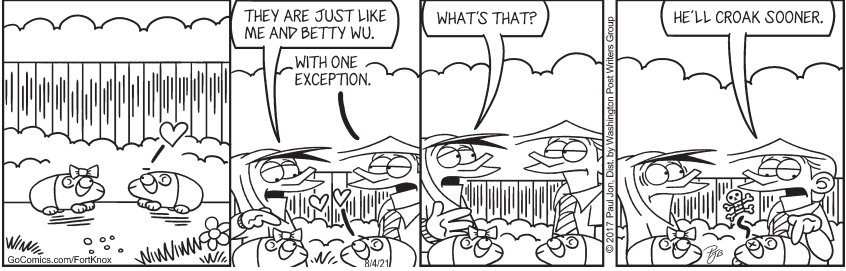
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FORT KNOX



PICKLES



Greater than the enemy outside is the enemy within – sin

Q: There has been so much talk the last year about science. I used to trust in it quite a bit, but after all the confusion surrounding the coronavirus, I’m not so sure that science has the answers. – S.S.

A: Science is learning to control just about everything but man. More important than electricity, technology, and medicine are the issues of the heart. Solve the problems of hate, lust, greed, and prejudice – which produce social strife and ultimately war – and the world would be a different place. Our future is threatened by many dangers, but they all stem from the heart.

Greater than the enemy outside is the enemy within – sin. No matter how advanced its progress, civiliza-

tions that neglect its spiritual and moral life will eventually disintegrate. This is the history of mankind, and it is our problem still today. Science cannot change the seasons, the rising of the sun, or the setting of the moon. Nor can man’s knowledge change human nature. When doubt reigns, faith cannot abide. Where hatred rules, love is crowded out.

Much of the world in search of knowledge ignores God. Today we have more knowledge than at any other time in

history. In seconds, our computers can call up information about a topic that took years to collect. We are the most informed people in the history of civilization – and yet the most confused.

Though our heads are crammed with knowledge, our hearts are empty. But where man has failed, God has succeeded. Keep His Word at the center of life and remember what the Bible says, “The fear [reverence] of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge” (Proverbs 1:7).

CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

“C’LV DVLVO XUDHVA HF SV U YUAI XRF YWDBRVN; C’LV UYXUIN XUDHVA HF SV U XFJUD XRF XFOMN.” — JVTRUD JUOMYV

Previous Solution: “Real heroes don’t wear capes. Real superheroes wear uniforms and badges and stethoscopes!” — “Superman” Dean Cain

TODAY’S CLUE: *n sjenba M*

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

1 John 2:15

Vaccine doubters misleading this country at worst possible time

We know a couple of things about Cole Beasley, the former Dallas Cowboy turned Buffalo Bill. One, he's terrific at making catches over the middle in tough situations. Two, he is not a doctor or scientist.

When it comes to who we get our information from, we should always consider the source. And the best sources of information – the doctors, scientists and institutions we trust with our public health every day – have made it clear that COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective at preventing the disease.

We aren't trying to pick on Beasley. The former Little Elm star is by all accounts a decent and well-meaning person who cares about his teammates and the communities where he plays. But he has emerged as a public voice needlessly sowing doubt in the safety of vaccination at a time when America desperately needs its public figures to speak up for vaccinations that can, have and will save lives.

Beasley's public statements on the matter are a study in the way people without the facts undermine the facts. He claimed he isn't anti-vaccination or pro-vaccination, that he's simply pro-choice, just a guy asking questions.

He said he is speaking up because too little is known about the vaccines' safety and that information about the vaccines has been "withheld from players in order for a player to be swayed."

We hear or see this sort of cryptic language a lot, often online, suggesting without evidence a conspiracy around vaccination.

In fact, the safety of the vaccines has been exhaustively studied. Information about their side effects and about exceedingly rare cases of medical complications are readily available on the websites of respected medical resources, including the Centers for Disease Control and Johns Hopkins Medical School, among others. Hundreds of millions of people have been safely vaccinated around the world, saving untold

lives and permitting us to begin to return to normal life.

We know beyond doubt now that the current COVID-19 crisis is almost exclusively a result of the failure of people to get vaccinated. Greater than 97 percent of hospitalizations are among the unvaccinated, according to recent figures.

The cost of all of this vaccine doubt is in actual lives. It will also come at the expense of the economy reopening. It could mean people losing their jobs, and kids not getting back to school where they desperately need to be.

Yes, everyone has a right to their opinion. But they don't have a right to their own facts.

Public figures who are making it harder to get this country vaccinated aren't bold individualists making personal choices. They are misguided and ill-informed people whom history is likely to judge poorly for leading us in the wrong direction. And they need to stop.

This editorial was first published in the Dallas Morning News.

LETTERS

Don't tread on me

I get it. People don't want to have to wear masks or get the vaccine. Many also don't want speed limits on freeways, safety inspections on cars or parking citations.

People don't like taxes on gasoline, labels on food, or restrictions on guns, sex or gambling. People want to be able to smoke on airplanes and in restaurants.

Folks don't want to have to get driver's licenses, business licenses, marriage licenses or licenses to practice medicine. Business people don't want any curbs on interest charged for loans or monopolies.

People hate property taxes on their homes after their kids have left school. Many people don't even want compulsory education or labor laws for children.

Why should people have to put up with restrictions on water use or the use of land and buildings? Speaking of land, folks hate to have to get a passport to travel or pay respect to immigration laws. Much easier to just cross the river.

A whole lot of people would rather just take something they like rather than have to pay for it.

Face it, millions of people would rather just get all the benefits of being an American without having to play their part in providing for the peace and security, safety and health of their neighbors.

Kimball Shinkoskey
Woods Cross, Utah

First-strike dangers

I'm not sure if hypersonic missiles or Iran's drones have a chance of the first-strike capability. If so, or if some countries will think so, and/or don't fear a second strike, then we need to take preventative steps. The same applies to nuclear weapons – with or without these – and perhaps likewise even poison gas.

If there is a chance of conquest by China, Iran, or North Korea – or a chance of destruction by any of those countries or by Russia, we need a freeze on new missiles and/or weapons of those sorts; there should be an immediate inspection of any suspicious sites to verify this. (If they don't fear a second strike, or would furnish to terrorists, we need to have them dismantle what they already have – again with an immediate inspection.)

Perhaps the way to do this is by offering and/or establishing increased trade while threatening increased sanctions, with the spread wide enough so that they won't want to chance our missing any of the sites.

(For Russia, we might also try diplomacy like a NATO invitation. Alternatively, increased economic ties might forestall destruction. For North Korea, perhaps we might also give them a choice between de-nuclearizing the Korean peninsula or putting enough arms in South Korea and nearby to destroy them.)

Perhaps we can bring about human rights, such as freedom of religion; and perhaps we can get China to stop supporting North Korea if nothing else works with the latter.

Alvin Blake
Wabash

Stop aid to Armenia

Congress must carefully review the provisions of H.R. 4373 before extending any aid to Armenia, a Russian proxy. Section 7047 states that "... None of the funds appropriated by this Act may be made available for assistance for the central government of a country that the Secretary of State determines and reports to the Committees on Appropriations has taken affirmative steps intended to support or be supportive of the Russian Federation annexation of Crimea or other territories in Ukraine." This intelligence report from the Economist clearly states that Armenia took steps in recognizing Crimea as part of Russia. Why aid Armenia and violate the H.R. 4373?

Naida Khalilova
Fort Wayne

Include cultured-meat research in the infrastructure package

Sens. Todd Young and Mike Braun should include funding for cultured-meat research in the infrastructure package. For those who don't know, cultured meat is grown from cells, without slaughter. The development of this new protein is crucial for reducing our pandemic risk, meeting our climate goals, and treating our fellow creatures with respect.

Individual companies can only make so much progress. Privately-funded research generally isn't shared, for obvious reasons, which hinders the development of the field as a whole. That's why Congress should add money to the infrastructure bill for open-access cultured-meat research. This extraordinary technology has the potential to do so much good for the United States.

Jon Hochschartner
Granby, Connecticut

Some early Census results for Indiana

The Census Bureau is now rolling out their population estimates from the 2020 counts. We have state and now local municipal counts. These figures are used to determine the number of House seats each state receives, and to draw congressional district lines within states.

The census is also used for drawing senate and house seats within states, at least for those 49 states that have a bicameral legislature. This is the 41st time the United States has conducted a census; the first was conducted in the summer of 1790, as required by the Constitution two years earlier.

Michael Hicks



Demographers are also keenly interested in the decennial census. These counts give us a better idea if the annual population estimates conducted by other government agencies are accurate, and it provides a more comprehensive snapshot of changes in American population. The more detailed data that will arrive over the next couple years will tell us more about the structure of age, education, race, ethnicity, ancestry, marriage patterns, family structure, and hundreds of other pieces of data.

Economists care about the data for even more immediate reasons. Population growth of a region is the strongest single sign of regional economic health and a marker of prosperity. So, population growth alone is often the best measure of recent improvement in economic conditions. Perhaps more importantly, population growth is a robust measure of future economic prospects for a region. For that reason, civic leaders should be closely attentive to population growth.

The 2020 Census revealed unsurprising results. Indiana's population grew last year by 23,943. This measure is 'as of' a date in March, so it largely measures growth prior to the pandemic. What this count omits is the nearly 14,000 COVID deaths that are above the expected levels of mortality in the state.

That means nearly two-thirds of Indiana's population growth in 2020 was erased by COVID, a population equivalent of a Chesterton, Auburn or Bedford. This should be a sobering piece of data.

In a better world it might even give cause for the many critics of Governor Holcomb's pandemic restrictions to reconsider their objections.

Many of the trends of the past decades continued in 2020. The greater Indianapolis region absorbed almost 75 percent of the state's population growth. Most of the rest occurred in Fort Wayne. This continues the 21st century trend where the Indianapolis metropolitan area absorbs more than 100 percent of new jobs and close to 80 percent of new people statewide. Few places outside the large metropolitan regions are growing.

As we dive down to municipal levels, the big growth as a percent of population comes in places within the Indy region. So, Ingalls (Madison Co.), Whitestown (Boone Co.), and Bargersville and Trafalgar (Johnson Co.) all grew at rates five times the nation as a whole, and closer to 15 times the state rate of growth. Larger communities typically grow more slowly, but that didn't stop Winfield, Pittsboro, New Palestine, Plainfield, Avon, McCordsville or Zionsville from fast growth.

A few places outside the Indianapolis region grew quickly also. St. John (Lake Co.), Greenville (Floyd Co.), Utica (Clark Co.), and Huntingburg (Dubois Co.) saw robust population growth. I'm omitting lots of smaller communities, where a small annexation or a few families can have a solid growth effect. Hopefully these places will continue to attract people in the years ahead.

Almost one in three Hoosiers live in the communities that aren't growing. About 20 percent live in places that are growing faster than the national average, and the remaining half live in places that are in relative population decline. This reflects deeper, longer-term, structural problems in the state's economy that suppresses population growth. Those places with significant population loss should be familiar to everyone.

Muncie and East Central Indiana saw large declines that continue a half-century trend. Terre Haute and West Central Indiana likewise extended their long-term decline. Both Elkhart-Goshen and South Bend-Mishawaka metropolitan areas reversed several years of growth. These types of trend reversals are likely linked to the weakness of factory employment in the

18 months prior to the pandemic. The regions extending a half-century of decline remain decades away from reversing the trend.

These data are interesting and useful, but it is really critical to understand why economists view population growth is a measure of prosperity. There are three reasons that are related but worth considering separately.

The first of these is that people are the driving force of economic growth. As inputs to the production of goods, people matter far more than capital investment, tax rates, incentives or infrastructure. It is inevitable that local elected leaders get excited about a new business bringing a large investment to a community. In reality, they should be far more excited about people.

The second reason is that most economic production, some 70 percent of household spending, is allocated to the purchase of services. Almost all services are produced and consumed locally. Since 1970, all the net job growth, actually more than 100 percent of it, has gone towards the production of services. That's more than 100 million jobs. The production of goods, which are consumed outside a local region, has declined by 8 million. One major engine of local economic growth is simply the consumption of local services.

I know it boggles the mind of many readers that consumers might drive local economies. Many of you have been told that making stuff locally and selling it elsewhere is the source of economic growth. You've been misled, and the best way to explain this is simply to note that the world economy has grown some six-fold over the last century. To the best of my understanding, we are conducting very little trade with Mars.

The final reason people matter is that population growth, particularly net in-migration is signal that the community is doing something right. The ability to attract people is the most important economic development metric. To be honest, whatever is in second place hardly matters. That's why the decennial census and the annual estimates of population growth are so decidedly important to economists who study and advise about economic growth.

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Tax Rate - Debt Service Fund	\$.000006555	\$.000006706
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Calendar Years 2020

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VETERANS MEMORIAL LOANS	
COMMON SCHOOL LOANS	100,000.00
INDIANA BOND BANK/ANTICIPATED NOTES	
RETIREMENT/SEVERANCE BOND DEBT	
BANK LOANS OR DLGF APPROVED DEBT	
QUALIFIED SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BONDS (ARRA)	
QUALIFIED ZONE ACADEMY BONDS (ARRA)	
TOTAL	21,950,976.27

STUDENT ENROLLMENT
SEPTEMBER 18, 2020

Grade_Level	Enrollment
Pre-School Ages 0-2 (PW)	.00
Pre-Kindergarten Ages 3 - 5 (PK)	90.00
Kindergarten	96.00
Grade 1	111.00
Grade 2	107.00
Grade 3	106.00
Grade 4	108.00
Grade 5	100.00
Grade 6	121.00
Grade 7	123.00
Grade 8	129.00
Grade 9	125.00
Grade 10	116.00
Grade 11	105.00
Grade 12	121.00
Grade 12+/Adult (13)	1.00
Total	1,559.00

Summary of the Annual Financial Report for Calendar Yaer 2020

Corp #: 8060 Corp Name: WABASH CITY SCHOOLS

The Annual Financial Report in its entirety can be viewed on the school corporation website at: www.apaches.k12.in.us

Reciepts and Expenditions Comparisons
Calendar Year 2020

Fund Name	Budget Receipts	Actual Receipts	Budget Expenditures	Actual Expenditures
EDUCATION FUND	\$23,062,760.00	\$22,799,870.38	\$9,719,676.96	\$11,401,571.18
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$251,054.00	\$1,648,342.32	\$1,615,188.00	\$1,932,358.11
OPERATIONS FUND	\$3,809,168.00	\$2,323,846.22	\$4,670,570.58	\$3,874,061.02
GRAND TOTAL	\$27,122,982.00	\$26,772,058.92	\$16,005,435.54	\$17,207,990.31

Minimum Teacher Salary Range \$35,000.00
Maxium Teacher Salary Range \$65,000.00
High School Extracurricular Salaries:

Position	Amount
ATHLETIC EVENTS SUPERVISOR	\$1,377.00
UNIFIED TRACK COACH	\$1,000.00
UNIFIED FOOTBALL COACH	\$1,000.00
MS CO-ED SOCCER (HEAD)	\$1,836.00
MENTOR TEACHER	\$1,020.00
MENTOR TEACHER (1/2)	\$510.00
GRADE LEVEL TEAM LEADER 1/2	\$348.50
EXTRA CLASS: PHOTOGRAPHY	\$4,080.00
DUAL CREDIT (5) @ 765	\$3,825.00
DUAL CREDIT (2) @ 765	\$1,530.00
DUAL CREDIT (4) @ 765	\$3,060.00
WCS TESTING COORDINATOR	\$2,500.00
ENTREPRENEURSHIP STIPEND	\$5,000.00
IREAD STIPEND	\$1,000.00
PARAPROFESSIONAL SUPERVISOR	\$1,000.00
AUDITORIUM MANAGER	\$995.00
DIRECTOR OF FILM	\$995.00
NATNL JR. HONOR SOCIETY SPONSO	\$1,000.00
ROBOTICS CLUB SPONSOR	\$328.00
BOOK CLUB	\$457.00
ART CLUB	\$457.00
FITNESS CLUB	\$457.00
CHOIR (MUSIC CLUB)	\$457.00
NATIONAL ELEM HONOR SOCIETY	\$1,000.00
ELEMENTARY PERFORMANCES	\$612.00
OVERSEEING TUTORING PROGRAM	\$2,000.00
WABASH COUNTY PROMISE LEAD	\$500.00
ROBOTIC TEAM SPONSOR (ELEMEN)	\$1,133.00
BUILDING INFORMATION LIAISON	\$510.00
MOWING OF FOOTBALL FIELD	\$2,000.00
MENTOR TEACHER	\$1,020.00

Classifications

I. Instructional and Supplementary Pupil Services Range of Pay Rates

	11.00	15.65
A. Library Aides		
B. Kindergarten Aides		
C. Special Education Aides		
D. Prime Time Aides		
E. Pre-Kindergarten/Head Start Aides		
F. Educational Enterprises		
G. Other		
II. Cafeteria and Food Services		
A. Managers/Head Cooks	12.00	14.00
B. School Food Service Director	45,063.00	45,063.00
C. All Other Food Service Employees	10.00	16.30
III. Health Services		
A. Nurses	31,841.00	39,375.00
B. Other	20.00	20.00
IV. Office/Clerical/Secretarial	11.15	17.34
V. Executive/Administrative/Accounting		
A. Business Manager	22.00	22.00
B. Buildings and Grounds Director	45,000.00	61,902.00
C. Community Relations/Publicity Director	5,000.00	5,000.00
D. Other		
VI. Maintenance/Custodial/Warehouse/Security/Transportation		
A. Building Custodians	13.60	19.15
B. Bus Drivers	75.00	84.00
C. Other	10.50	20.00
VII. Computer Services		
VIII. Other		

Certified Administrative Staff
In effect JULY 01, 2020

	Lowest Salary	Highest Salary	Average Salary
Administrative Staff	\$56,766.00	\$125,000.00	\$82,548.00

Marion 12U stars rally against Wabash to win title

For the first time in its 49-year history, the Fireman's Tourney added softball

By **SCOTT HUNT**
Chronicle-Tribune Sports Editor

The annual Marion Firefighters Local 676 little league tournament successfully continued its long-standing tradition of exciting baseball while adding another piece to its legacy at Lincoln Field's diamonds over the weekend.

For the first time in its 49-year history, the Fireman's Tourney added softball to the proceedings and Oak Hill's 12-and-under all-stars collected the champion's trophy for the six-team bracket.

Meanwhile, the 12-and-under all-star baseball teams from Marion and Wabash became quite familiar with each other over the three-day tourney.

The Giants earned a 9-8 win over the Apaches on Friday in the tournament's opening game sending Wabash into the loser's bracket. There the Apaches battled their way into the championship round and took a 6-1 win over the host team to set up a one-game, winner-take-all final.

Marion needed a dramatic two-out rally if the bottom of the fifth, highlighted by a Isaiah Freshwater's 3-run homer, and the Giants claimed the title with an 8-6 decision over the Apaches Sunday afternoon.

"They had a long weekend and they came out and made it count at the end," said Marion co-coach Shannon Fouce of the Giants. "They hit the ball well, fielded well and they deserved to be the champions this weekend."

After topping Wabash on Friday, the Giants reached the championship game with wins over the Tomahawks, a travel organization based in Gas City (11U) and the Wabash 10U all-stars Saturday then waited for their next-day opposition.

The Wabash 12Us earned wins over Marion 10Us, a travel organization based in Gas City called the Tomahawks (11U) and the Ole Miss 12U all-stars on Saturday to



Photos by Scott Hunt / Chronicle-Tribune

Wabash 12-and-under all-star coaches take pitcher Caleb Dubois out of the game in the fifth inning of an 8-6 loss to Marion's 12U stars in the championship game of the 49th-annual Marion Firefighters Local 676 little league baseball tourney on Sunday.

reach the loser's bracket final. The Apaches defeated the Wabash 10U team Sunday morning to set up the rematch with Marion.

Wabash broke up a scoreless tie in its must-win first game against Marion on Sunday with two runs in the top of the fourth inning. Marion's Kevante Simmons led off the Giants' fifth with a double and scored Marion's only run of the contest on a single by Freshwater.

The Apaches loaded the bases with one out in the sixth and broke the game open on a towering grand slam to left field by Jacob White. Haiden McWhirt recorded all but one out on the mound for Wabash in the 6-1 win.

Marion jumped in front quickly in the winner-take-all rematch using a walk and Apache error in the bottom of the first to grab a 2-0 lead. The Giants added to their lead in the fourth on a single by Tae' Shawn Inman that drove in Lucas Payne and Simmons.

Clay Shepler's double highlighted a six-run fifth inning that saw Wabash rally on only two hits along with three walks and a sacrifice by Cooper Good to take a 6-4 lead.

The Giants' winning rally started with a triple by Demarion Dungey in the bottom of the fifth. Payne fol-

lowed by reaching on catchers interference before Simmons plated the first run with a double. Freshwater then stepped up and lined the first pitch he saw over the left-field fence for the game-winning 3-run homer.

Wabash threatened in the sixth inning, but Marion turned slick 4-6-3 double play for the final two outs and secure their ride on the fire truck to the Plymouth Club for a pizza party.

"We just tried to tell our boys to swing the bat. If you swing the bat you've got three chances," Fouce said of the coaches' message to the Marion team between the Sunday meetings with Wabash. "if you don't swing the bat, you've lost. We just talked to them about swinging the bat and they did. We just couldn't catch them that first game but the second game they let the bats work and it made all the difference."

Wabash won its Babe Ruth district championship to earn a trip to the state tournament in Munster. However, a tough and early exit from state allowed the Apaches the opportunity to play in the Fireman's Tourney.

It was a disappointing end to summer baseball for the Apaches, but coach Corey Phillippy reminded his team of what's been most important during its tournament run.



Wabash 12-and-under all-star Jacob White gets a fist bump from a coach after slugging a grand slam in a 6-1 win over Marion Sunday in the 49th-annual Marion Firefighters Local 676 little league baseball tournament at Lincoln Field in Marion.

"It's bigger than baseball, that's our motto and been our motto since we formed this all-star team, it's bigger than baseball," Phillippy said. "It comes down to how you handle yourself in tough situations and that's a tough loss. They are kids, but how they handle themselves in these situations defines them as men and how they're coming up as kids. It's tough but they'll work through it. It's hard to explain that to a 12-year old but they answered well and they're going to be okay."

"This Marion team, they're tough, but to come back out of that loser's bracket, they played so well and I'm proud of them. They're good kids."

Simmons was named the Robert Hydell Most Valuable Player of the tournament. Wabash's Zion McKnight was awarded the Joe Ressler Sportsmanship Award.

Oak Hill's 12U softball team lost a pair of tough games at the Town and Country state tournament, but they'll forever be remembered as the first softball team to win the Marion Fireman's Tourney.

The Eagles earned wins over Ole Miss, Greentown and then North Miami – one of the teams that beat them in the T&C state tourney – to reach the final game where they defeated Blackford, 16-6.

Oak Hill scored the limit of six runs in the first inning and built its lead to 11-0 with five more in the bottom of the second. Eventually, the lead reached 14-0 before the Bruins scored six in the fourth.

"Our pitching and fielding was phenomenal," said Oak Hill coach Corey Rocky. "I was proud of everybody."

The Eagles were led by tourney MVP Pathie Speicher, who struck out 10 and didn't allow a hit in pitching the first three innings as well as the fifth.

Speicher joined her dad and coach, Matt Speicher, who led Oak Hill to its first-ever Fireman's Tourney little league title in 1987, where he was also named MVP.

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Peyton Manning tamed doubts, injuries to secure Hall of Fame status

By **ARNIE STAPLETON**
AP Pro Football Writer

DENVER — Peyton Manning was coming off a series of neck operations in between the storied chapters of his Hall of Fame career in 2012 when former college teammate and then-Colorado Rockies slugger Todd Helton invited him to a private workout at Coors Field.

The two superstars of their respective sports who played together at Tennessee in the 1990s headed to the batting cages under the stands to throw the football around.

Helton thought Manning was goofing around when his first throw fluttered and fell short. It was no joke.

Manning was in the midst of retraining his brain to release the ball on time and on target after missing the entire 2011 season and undergoing several cervical spine surgeries that left him with unyielding numbness in the fingertips of his right hand.

"He had nothing," Helton recounted several years ago. "But I knew he'd come back and be Peyton Manning again because nobody else works that hard."

That work ethic allowed Manning to overcome the heartache of his split with the Indianapolis Colts, the doubts about his football future and nerve damage in his right arm to go 50-15 in Denver and set numerous passing records while burnishing his lofty credentials as one of the greatest passers in NFL history.

Manning overcame his neck problems to throw 140 of his 539 career touchdown passes for Denver, including a record 55 in 2013. In four years, he led the Broncos to four AFC West titles, two conference championships and a Super Bowl 50 triumph after over-



TNS photo

Former Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning will be inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame on Sunday.

coming a serious foot injury to go with the Super Bowl he won with the Colts nearly a decade earlier.

Manning retired a month after becoming the first starting quarterback to win Super Bowls with two franchises, and he was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame 24 hours before his friend and longtime nemesis Tom Brady joined him in the exclusive club by leading Tampa Bay over Kansas City in Super Bowl 55 six months ago.

"I certainly wanted to play for the Indianapolis Colts my entire career because they were the team that drafted me" No. 1 overall in 1998, Manning said as he reflected on his upcoming induction into Canton. "I was fascinated by John Elway being only a Bronco, Dan Marino being only a Dolphin, Troy Aikman-Cowboys, my dad drafted by New Orleans, majority of his career lived in New Or-

leans. So, that was my plan all along."

The Colts moved on to Andrew Luck after Manning missed the 2011 season and Indianapolis secured the No. 1 overall pick in the 2012 NFL draft.

After an emotional farewell to Indy, Manning embarked on the most anticipated free agency tour since Reggie White bolted Philadelphia for Green Bay in 1993.

"And Denver just, boy, they just welcomed me with open arms," Manning recounted. "They were the only team that understood I think what I was going through emotionally, physically, and I think a lot of that is Elway. Elway flirted going to other teams, rumors or whatnot and I think he knew how probably that would have affected him. He certainly knew injuries."

Manning said only the Broncos were willing to meet him halfway.

"They were the only team that said, 'Hey, Peyton, give us your Indianapolis Colts playbook, we will form this hybrid offense with the plays that we like here in Denver that we think will help you at this point of your career, we'll form this mesh of an offense and really give you a chance to get back going again,'" Manning revealed. "And not every other team was doing that."

Manning said he felt like a visitor in his own locker room for his entire first season in Denver, but he soon came to embrace the city where he and his family still live.

"I have a great relationship with Indianapolis and still very involved there in the community, just like I am in Knoxville and New Orleans," Manning said. "But you can only live in one place and Denver's just been a great place to live and I've enjoyed being a part of the community and really couldn't have made a better decision ... back in 2012."

Almost from his pro debut in 1998, Manning was a pioneer in the way he deciphered defenses and directed play at the line of scrimmage, a mastermind pacing from tackle to tackle, pointing and hollering, as he became a model for every quarterback who has come along since.

Manning was never the best athlete, but his off-the-charts preparation and other-worldly memory recall made him rise above the rest.

"He beat you mentally," said DeMarcus Ware, who came to Denver like so many others for the chance to play with Manning. "That was his guide: Physically you might be faster than me, you might be more athletic than me, but I'm going to outsmart you every time."

SUMMER GAMES TOKYO					TOP 10 MEDAL WINNERS
					TOTAL
1.	United States	24	27	20	71 
2.	China	32	21	16	69 
3.	ROC	13	21	18	52 
4.	Britain	13	17	13	43 
5.	Japan	19	6	11	36 
6.	Australia	14	4	15	33 
7.	Germany	8	8	14	30 
8.	Italy	5	9	15	29 
9.	France	6	10	8	24 
10.	Netherlands	6	7	7	20 

Source: IOC & Sportradar Updated Aug. 2 at 10:48 PM EDT 

Biles returns to competition with a bronze and a smile

TOKYO (AP) — Simone Biles returned to the competition at the Tokyo Olympics in style, and will leave with another medal.

What color it is really isn't the point. That she delivered a tense, heart-pounding routine on the balance beam and nailed it with a smile meant everything. Biles looked calm as she moved, turned and flipped across the beam. It was everyone else watching who held their breath.

"I had nerves but I felt pretty good," she said.

Biles won the bronze medal when she drilled a slightly altered routine in front of a crowd that included IOC President Thomas Bach a week after taking herself out of several competitions to focus on her mental health.

That move by the gymnast regarded the greatest in history had amplified attention on the importance of mental health in sports in general, and among Olympians specifically.

"I was just happy to be able to perform, regardless of the outcome," Biles said. "I did it for me, and I was just proud of myself for being able to compete one more time."

Biles changed her routine a bit while dealing with a mental block surrounding twisting.

She used a double-pike dismount – no twisting required – to score a 14.000, which was ultimately good enough for third in the eight-woman final, behind China's Guan Chenchen and Tang Xijing.

Biles earned her seventh career Olympic medal and tied Shannon Miller for the most by an American in gymnastics.

Olympic all-around champion Sunisa Lee of the United States finished fifth. The 18-year-old Lee won three medals in Tokyo, including silver in the team final and bronze on uneven bars.

The U.S. men's basketball team rode the slender shoulders and smooth shooting of Kevin Durant to advance to the medal round with a 95-81 victory over Spain in the quarterfinals.

Durant finished with 29 points. Jayson Tatum scored 13 and Jrue Holiday added 12 for the U.S., which will play either Australia or Argentina in the semifinals on Thursday. The American men have never failed to medal in all 18 of their previous Olympics appearances.

For Durant, only one will do. "We've just got to finish it. Got to finish it," Durant said. "We're supposed to be here. It's about getting the gold."